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Chief, Security Research Staff

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Chief, Technical Branch

1. Inference is made to our numerous conversations concerning [redacted] an organic chemist who was formerly on the staff of [redacted] specializing in research of alkaloids and allied organic substances.

2. A copy of [redacted], which was obtained from [redacted] was forwarded to your Office under date of 31 December 1952 and apparently is either held in your Office or was given to another section of SO in connection with the obtaining of a "Secret" clearance in connection with possible use of [redacted]

3. Some time ago, the writer talked with [redacted] who is quite familiar with the work of [redacted] and asked [redacted] if the [redacted] future plans involving [redacted] on any project either as a research officer or as a full or part-time consultant.

4. [redacted] stated that [redacted] intends to maintain his [redacted] and probably would go [redacted] once a year for a two-week period. His work would not be along ARTICHOKE lines, but simply in line with his official work as [redacted] [redacted] stated he had no plans whatsoever to use [redacted] as a consultant either secretly or otherwise and that if our Agency is in any way interested in [redacted], we could be assured that [redacted] could hold no control over him in connection with any work he might do for us.

5. Attached herewith is a copy of a letter dated 10 March 1953 from [redacted] to [redacted] which clearly shows [redacted] continuing interest in the ARTICHOKE type of work and shows his special desire to work as a consultant to this Agency.

6. Hence, as you recall, [redacted] showed a considerable enthusiasm for the ARTICHOKE work and since he has continued research and experimentation along the lines of ARTICHOKE, it would appear that he would possibly be very valuable if used as a covert consultant in connection with our program. As you will note, from the [redacted] [redacted] has changed his employment fairly recently from the [redacted] to [redacted] an organization whose offices are [redacted] His home address [redacted] there is [redacted]

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6. The writer is of the opinion that [redacted] will always be employed in some position where he has access to and probably will work in a critical laboratory. In view of the previous statements of [redacted] the writer believes that [redacted] would work with [redacted] and use the facilities of the laboratory where he is employed to do confidential research work for us.

7. It is, therefore, recommended that consideration be given to placing [redacted] on bar rolls as a covert consultant on the ATOMIC program or any other matters of similar interest to us. It is suggested that if favorable consideration is given to this idea that either you or the writer arrange a contact with [redacted] and sound him out (privately) in connection with a future consultancy with us. [redacted], for the record, holds [redacted] Secret clearance and as mentioned above is [redacted].

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